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SUBJECT: No Immediate Reaction From Philippines on Article XXI

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(SBU) On May 4, EconOff presented reftel demarche to Angelo S. Benedictos, Assistant Director of the Bureau of International Trade Relations of the Department of Trade and Industry. Benedictos accepted the message that the USG will invoke Article XXI of the General Agreement on Trade in Services to correct its market access commitments in regard to gambling and betting services. He indicated that he would consult with the leadership of his Department on the matter, and would be able to inform us at a later time whether the GRP will seek compensation under the Article.

Kenney